

EXPERIENCE (LITIGATION/ADVOCACY)

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNSELORS

Rockville, MD
8/2009 – present

Executive Director

- Co-founder, CEO of a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about national security issues, influencing relevant legislation, and providing assistance to people involved in security-related legal or administrative proceedings.
- Act as primary counsel for legal assistance projects.
- Specialize in cases involving national security issues, including whistleblowers, security clearances, prepublication review, classification/declassification, and FOIA/PA litigation.
- Represent clients with agency Inspectors General and Congressional committees.
- Interact with Congressional and Executive branch officials regarding proposed changes to laws and/or regulations.
- Provide customized training to media outlets on various national security law and information/privacy law issues, including FOIA/PA and classification/declassification.
- Litigate cases before the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals; the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; the U.S. District Courts of D.C., Eastern District of California, Southern District of Florida, Eastern District of New York, Southern District of New York, Eastern District of North Carolina, Northern District of Texas, Western District of Texas, and Vermont; the U.S. Circuit Courts of the D.C. Circuit, 2nd Circuit, 5th Circuit, 9th Circuit, and 11th Circuit; and the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Provide expert commentary and analysis on national security issues to various media outlets, including ABC, CBS, CNN, C-SPAN, Fox News, MSNBC, NPR, Sinclair Broadcast Group, AP, *Bloomberg*, *Business Insider*, *Daily Beast*, *Foreign Policy*, *GovExec*, *Guardian*, *The Hill*, *Independent*, *McClatchy*, *Mother Jones*, *NY Times*, *Politico*, *Politifact*, *Quartz*, Reuters, *Roll Call*, *Sacramento Bee*, *Techdirt*, *USA Today*, *Vox*, *Washington Post*, and *Yahoo News*.

NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWERS CENTER

Washington, DC
10/2010 – 5/2012

Counsel to the National Security Program

- Served as legal adviser to a program advocating greater whistleblower protections for national security employees.

KOHN, KOHN & COLAPINTO, LLP

Washington, DC
9/2009 – 5/2012

Of Counsel

- Litigated whistleblower reprisal and FOIA/PA cases before the DOJ Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management and the U.S. District Court of D.C.

**LAW OFFICE of MARK S. ZAID, P.C.
Of Counsel**

Washington, DC
12/2007 – 7/2009

- Specialized in cases involving national security issues, including whistleblowers, security clearances, prepublication review, classification/declassification, and FOIA/PA litigation.

EXPERIENCE (TEACHING)

**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL of LAW
Adjunct Professor**

Washington, DC
2/2019 – present

- Teach a legal seminar in Law of Secrecy.

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE of LAW
Adjunct Professor**

Washington, DC
5/2017 – 5/2020

- Taught a legal seminar in National Security Law and Practice.

**POINT PARK UNIVERSITY
Adjunct Professor**

Pittsburgh, PA
1/2011 – 6/2012

- Taught an undergraduate seminar in National Intelligence Authorities.

**UNIVERSITY of the DISTRICT of COLUMBIA
Adjunct Professor**

Washington, DC
1/2010 – 12/2010

- Taught an undergraduate seminar in National Security Law, Policy, and Objectives.

EDUCATION

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER
Master of Laws – National Security Law**

Washington, DC
8/2008 – 12/2009

Study Abroad: International Law and Security – Florence, Italy (Summer 2009).

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE of LAW
Juris Doctor (includes a semester at Boston University School of Law)**

Washington, DC
8/2003 – 5/2007

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Master of Arts *Cum Laude* – Security Studies**

Washington, DC
8/2000 – 5/2003

SCHOLARSHIP

Public Appearances (Non-Media):

- Panelist at *Shedding Light on the DOJ's Office of Legal Counsel Opinions*, Transparency Caucus, Feb. 10, 2020.
- Panelist at *Congressional Oversight Training: Working with Insiders and Whistleblowers*, Project on Government Oversight, Apr. 9, 2019.
- Witness, “Government Accountability Office Investigative Authority Over the U.S. Intelligence Community,” Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch, U.S. House of Representatives, Apr. 2, 2019.
- Witness, “The Need for Transparent Transparency Litigation and Independent Inspectors General,” Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, U.S. House of Representatives, Mar. 27, 2019.

- Panelist, “Representation of the Intelligence Community: Whistleblowers and Clearance Revocations and Suspensions,” at *70th Annual Meeting*, Labor and Employment Relations Association, June 16, 2018.
- Witness, “Government Accountability Office Investigative Authority Over the U.S. Intelligence Community,” Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch, U.S. House of Representatives, Apr. 17, 2018.
- Panelist at *Representation of Intelligence Community Whistleblowers*, Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association, Dec. 12, 2017.
- Panelist at *National Security Law Brief Fall Symposium - Public Private Partnerships: How the National Security Community Interacts with Private Sector*, American University Washington College of Law, Nov. 15, 2017.
- Participant at *Navigating Law and Ethics at the Crossroads of Journalism and National Security*, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, Nov. 9-10, 2017.
- Panelist, “Election 2016! You Decide the Best Way to Minimize the Sting of a Denial,” at *2016 FOI Summit*, National Freedom of Information Coalition, Oct. 8, 2016.
- Panelist, “FOIA 101” and “FOIA 201: Advanced FOIA Strategies and Tactics,” at *HOPE XI*, Hackers on Planet Earth, July 23, 2016.
- Panelist, “Here Today, Gone Tomorrow,” at *2015 FOI Summit*, National Freedom of Information Coalition, Oct. 10, 2015.
- Panelist, “FOIA Advanced Strategies and Tactics,” at *HOPE X*, Hackers on Planet Earth, July 18, 2014.
- Panelist, “Fighting FOIA Erosion,” at *2012 FOI Summit*, National Freedom of Information Coalition, May 12, 2012.
- Panelist, “Current FOIA Litigation,” at *Fifth Annual Freedom of Information Day Celebration*, American University Washington College of Law, Mar. 16, 2012.
- Panelist, “WikiLeaks: What Are the Implications and Aftereffects for Open Government?” at *2011 FOI Summit*, National Freedom of Information Coalition, Mar. 21, 2011.
- Panelist at *FOIA Requester/Agency Town Hall*, U.S. Department of Justice, Mar. 17, 2011.
- Panelist, “National Security and the First Amendment,” at *Emerging National Security Threats in a Globalized World*, American University Washington College of Law, Mar. 2, 2011.
- Panelist, “Federal Bureau of Investigation Whistleblowers,” at *2010 National Whistleblower Assembly: The Final Countdown: Honoring 10 Years of Commitment*, U.S House of Representatives, May 24, 2010.
- “Opening Remarks” at *Emerging Issues in National and International Security (EMININT 2006)*, American University Washington College of Law, Apr. 21, 2006.
- Panelist at *National Security Student Leadership Conference*, American University Washington College of Law, Nov. 5, 2005.
- Delegate at *Hostage to Terrorism: Governmental and Non-Governmental Response Strategies*, University of Virginia Critical Incident Analysis Group, Apr. 3-5, 2005.
- “Opening Remarks” and Panelist, “Climate Change, Infectious Disease, and Resource Shortages as Threats to International Security,” at *Emerging Issues in National and International Security (EMININT 2005)*, American University Washington College of Law, Mar. 21, 2005.

Published Scholarship:

- “Trump Special Master Review: Enter Dearie” in *Lawfare*, 2022.
- “Gaming Out the Two Major Paths Forward After Judge Grants Trump’s Request for a Special Master in Mar-a-Lago Case” in *Law and Crime*, 2022.
- “Multiple bites at the apple: The frequent problem of renewed motions for summary judgment” in *Americans for Prosperity*, 2022.

- “No, Former Presidents Cannot Assert Executive Privilege. At Least Not Meaningfully.” in *Just Security*, 2021.
- “For the Jan. 6 Committee to Succeed, This Guy Has to Go” in *Daily Beast*, 2021.
- “The MAGA Insurrection in the Capitol Created a Huge New National-Security Threat” in *Daily Beast*, 2021.
- “John Bolton Survived the Battle, But He Will Lose the War” in *Law and Crime*, 2020.
- “The federal government could punish employees for reading Bolton’s book” in *Washington Post*, 2020.
- “Here’s How John Bolton’s Lawyer Just Threw Him Under the Bus” in *Daily Beast*, 2020.
- “Trump and GOP Call to ID Whistleblower Exposes Glaring Gaps in Protections” in *Just Security*, 2019.
- “GOP ‘Storming’ of Secure Facility for Impeachment Proceedings: An Explainer” in *Just Security*, 2019.
- “How one secretive Justice Department office can sway the whole government” in *Washington Post*, 2019.
- “Intel Whistleblower Complaint Q&A Part 2: Constitutional Boogaloo” in *Just Security*, 2019.
- “Q&A on Whistleblower Complaint Being Withheld from Congressional Intelligence Committees” in *Just Security*, 2019.
- “Nuts and Bolts of the IG Report on Comey: Correcting Misconceptions” in *Just Security*, 2019.
- “Trump and the Demise of the Presidential Records Honor System” in *Just Security*, 2019.
- “President Trump’s Cronyism and Excesses Should Prompt Security Clearance Reform” in *Just Security*, 2019.
- “Attorney General Nominee Barr on Transparency: A Direct Answer? Or Misdirection?” in *Just Security*, 2019.
- “Trump’s Ability to Classify Mueller Report Is Greater Threat Than Executive Privilege” in *Just Security*, 2018.
- “Trump Declassifying Page, Ohr Records Will Have Broader Effects” in *Just Security*, 2018.
- “Security Clearance Records, FOIA, and Privacy: What Went Wrong for Abigail Spanberger” in *Just Security*, 2018.
- “The Case for Legislative Security Clearance Reform” in *Just Security*, 2018.
- “Not All Security Clearance Fights Are Political” in *Politico*, 2018.
- “Why Trump’s Security-Clearance Threat Makes No Sense” in *Politico*, 2018.
- “What Everyone Gets Wrong About Kushner’s Clearance Fiasco” in *Politico*, 2018.
- “Trump Can Sue Bannon. Winning’s Another Matter” in *Politico*, 2018.
- “Jeff Sessions’ Attack on the Media Is Worse Than You Think” in *Politico*, 2017.
- “Our three-year saga to release 13 million pages of CIA secrets” in *MuckRock*, 2017.
- “The Need for a Perception-Based Model of Comparing Intelligence Communities: An Historical Case Study” in *American Intelligence Journal*, 2007.
- “A Cooperative Approach to Counter-Terrorism Policy Development” in *Proceedings of the 1st Annual Symposium on Emerging Issues in National and International Security (EMININT 2005)*, 2007.
- “Left, Right, and Center: Political Thought for the Law Student,” recurring column in *American Jurist*, 2004-2005.

LEADERSHIP

- Steering Committee, Make It Safe Coalition, Dec. 2019-present.
- Member and Co-chair (Legislation Subcommittee), Freedom of Information Act Advisory Committee, July 2020-June 2022.

- Board of Directors, National Military Intelligence Foundation, July 2015-August 2020.
- Board of Directors, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, June 2018-April 2020.
- Steering Committee, Committee on National Security Law, Policy, and Practice, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Oct. 2017-Dec. 2019.
- Board of Directors, National Military Intelligence Association, Nov. 2010-Apr. 2015.
- Delegate to the American Swiss Foundation Young Leaders Conference, May 2006.
- Charter member, Security Clearance Lawyers Association.